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In re Appln. of: John Christopher Van Gorp, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/773,488

Filed: February 6, 2004

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
CALCULATING AND DISTRIBUTING
UTILITY COSTS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3622

Attorney Docket No: 6270/134Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; Copies of cited references C3-C4.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
Document No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,261,037	04/07/81	Hicks
5,758,331	05/26/98	Johnson
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
GB 2148565A	10/20/83	UK
OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
PCT International Search Report PCT/IB2004/000720.		

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other

information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	C1	4,261,037	04/07/81	Hicks	364/464	04/03/79
	C2	5,758,331	05/26/98	Johnson	705/412	08/15/94

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	C3	GB 2148565A	10/20/83	UK		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>					
	C4	PCT International Search Report PCT/IB2004/000720.				

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